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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA POSITION ON KOREAN, LOS ISSUES

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1. SECRETARY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MOOKODI ADVISES GOB HAS DECIDED TO ABSTAIN ON UNGA VOTE CONCERNING INVITATION PRG AND GRUNK TO PARTICIPATE LOS CONFERENCE, AND ON "HOSTILE" RESOLUTION ON KOREA. AT SAME TIME, ADVISES IT PROBABLE THAT GOB WILL SUPPORT "FRIENDLY" KOREAN RESOLUTION.

2. BOTSWANA TENDING TOWARD POSITIVE VOTE ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF VIEW THAT UN COMMAND SHOULD NOT BE DISBANDED AND APPARENT SUPPORT CONCEPT OF UNIVERSALITY. MOOKODI INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL DECISION WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY DEGREE SOLIDARITY AND PRESSURE FROM AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED NATIONS OPPOSING FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IF CONCERTED BLOCK DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE DEVELOPS, BOTSWANA WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN. IF SOLID BLOCK PRESSURE NOT DEVELOPING, EMBASSY BELIEVES LOW KEY APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR MOGAMI EMPHASIZING
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THIS POINT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE.

3. ALTHOUGH GOB DISAPPROVES DISSOLUTION UN COMMAND, IT
ABSTAINING ON "HOSTILE" RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF EMPHASIS IN
RESOLUTION'S PREAMBLE ON DIALOGUE BETWEEN KOREA .

4. ABSTENTION ON LOS ISSUE STEMS FROM GOB DESIRE MAINTAIN
STRICT NEUTRALITY IN AREA WHERE, IN ITS VIEW, SITUATION VERY
FLUID AND ULTIMATE CONTROL TERRITORIES IN QUESTION UNCERTAIN AT
THIS TIME.
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